

Appl. No. 09/405,787  
Amdt. dated 01/23/2006  
Reply to Office action of 09/21/2005

### REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed 09/21/2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6-9, 12-14, 17-20, 32-34, and 37-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), allowed claims 23-31, and indicated allowable subject matter in claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 35, 36, 41, and 42. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

#### *Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102*

I. The Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 6-9, 12-14, 17-20, 32-34, and 37-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kao et al. (US 6,535,513 B1) hereinafter Kao.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 12, and 32 to included subject matter that the Examiner has indicated is allowable as discussed below. Regarding claims 2-3, 6-9, 13-14, 17-20, 33-34, and 37-40, applicant relies on the patentability of the claims from which these claims depend to traverse the rejection without prejudice to any further basis for patentability of these claims based on the additional limitations recited.

Applicant reserves the right to present the subject matter of claims 1-3, 6-9, 12-14, 17-20, 32-34, and 37-40 in a divisional application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-3, 6-9, 12-14, 17-20, 32-34, and 37-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kao.

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*Allowable Subject Matter*

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. The Examiner objects to claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 35, 36, 41 and 42 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicates that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 12, and 32 to include all of the limitations of dependent claims 5, 16, and 36 and any intervening dependent claims and cancelled claims 5, 16, and 36. Applicant has cancelled claims 11, 22, and 42 to avoid inconsistency with claims 1, 12, and 32 as amended. Applicant respectfully requests that independent claims 1, 12, and 32 and all claims that depend therefrom be allowed.

Applicant presents new claims 43-69 to include all of the limitations of dependent claims 11, 22, and 42, the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully requests that independent claims 43, 52, and 61 and all claims that depend therefrom be allowed.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 23-31.

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***Conclusion***

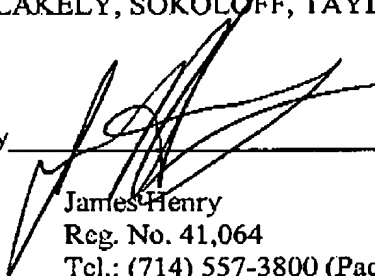
Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the applicability of the doctrine of equivalents. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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